

**ARIZONA PEACE OFFICER STANDARDS AND TRAINING BOARD
MINUTES OF THE RULES REVISION ADVISORY GROUP**

A public meeting of the Rules Revision Advisory Group was convened on March 18, 2008, at the Esplendor Resort, located at 1069 Camino Caralampi, Rio Rico, AZ.

Members Present:

Sheriff John Armer, Gila County Sheriff's Office
Chief Tony Daykin, University of Arizona Police Department
Chief Robert DeVries, Kingman Police Department
Chief Deputy Dave Hendershott, Maricopa County Sheriff's Office
Lisa Judge, Tucson Police Department

Members Absent:

Chairman Gerald Richard II, Phoenix Police Department
Sgt. Brandee Ralston, Pinal County Sheriff's Office

Staff in Attendance:

Bob Forry
Tom Hammarstrom
Steve Jacobs
Lyle Mann
Curt Milam
Sandy Sierra
Rick Watling

Counsel for Board in Attendance:

Diana Stabler, Assistant Attorney General

A. CALL TO ORDER

Acting Chair Robert DeVries convened the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

B. INTRODUCTIONS

Agenda items C and D were discussed in reverse order.

D. USE OF ANABOLIC STEROIDS

At its January 23, 2008 meeting, the Chair asked staff to provide a proposed rule revision to deal with the issue of anabolic steroids. This

rule change is directed at those individuals who are obtaining and using anabolic steroids illegally.

Commander Kim Humphrey from the Phoenix Police Department stated the number one excuse from officers that are abusing steroids comes from officers who have a prescription. This is not a legitimate prescription because it was prescribed illegally. He feels the proposed rule change will not address this. He understands the difficulty in writing a new rule that will hold people who abuse steroids accountable. No one else is doing this and somebody has to step up and take a stand on this.

Dr. Joseph Gutman, an endocrinologist who works closely with AZ POST and other law enforcement agencies, stated he has been involved in the management of people that use and abuse anabolic steroids for 25 years. He is one of the co-founders of the National Council on Anabolic Steroid Abuse. He feels officers need to be protected so they understand the dangers of anabolic steroids. He also feels the public needs to be protected from officers who illegally abuse steroids.

Staff provided a proposed rule change that would address the issues discussed during previous meetings of the Rules Advisory Group.

Clarisse McCormick, legal advisor for the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office, provided a proposed change to the rule that they felt also addressed those issues plus provides definitions to the terms anabolic steroids and medical disability.

Deputy Chief Hendershott made a motion to approve the rule revision submitted by the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office with an amendment that exempts the reporting requirement for gels, creams and patches, he also moved that this proposed rule change be forwarded to the POST Board for its approval, seconded by Sheriff Armer, motion passed 5-0.

C. MODIFICATION OF BACKGROUND REQUIREMENTS FOR RETIRING PEACE OFFICERS CHANGING AGENCIES

At its January 2008 meeting, the Chair directed staff to distribute information regarding Maricopa County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) request to change legislation dealing with retiring peace officers and background/polygraph requirements. The Chair wanted all law enforcement agencies and organizations to be aware of this and get their comments and suggestions. He requested the results be presented to the Committee at this meeting in order to make a decision on how to proceed with this.

Deputy Director Mann stated MCSO agreed to place the legislation on hold pending the outcome of this meeting.

Deputy Chief Hendershott thanked Director Hammarstrom and Deputy Director Mann for their assistance in drafting the proposed rule change. They feel the rule change addresses the concerns MCSO had and they are pleased with the proposed change.

Deputy Chief Hendershott made a motion to approve the rule revision submitted by POST staff and forward this revision to the POST Board for its approval, seconded by Sheriff Armer, motion passed 3-2.

E. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No one wished to address the Committee during the call to the public.

F. ADJOURN

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 12:10 p.m.

Dated: March 26, 2008.

Sandra L. Sierra, Recording Secretary